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NARCOTIC DRUGS

Report of the Second (Social) Committee (Part II)

1. The Committee had before it the draft amendments submitted by the observer of Ghana (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77) to draft resolution III entitled "Enlargement of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs", recommended by the Commission for adoption (E/1991/C.2/L.21), which read as follows:

"Replace paragraphs 1 and 2 with the following:

"1. Decides to increase the number of members of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to fifty, the ten new seats being distributed among the underrepresented groups on the Commission as follows:

(a) Four seats for the African Group;

(b) Three seats for the Asian Group;

(c) Three seats for the Latin American and Caribbean Group;

"2. Also decides to fill the ten new seats resulting from the increase in the membership of the Commission at its organizational session for 1992."

2. At the 22nd meeting, on 21 June 1991, the Chairman read out his proposal on those draft amendments, which read as follows:

"Replace paragraphs 1 and 2 with the following:

"1. Decides to increase the number of members of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to fifty-three, the thirteen new seats being distributed among the regional groups as follows:

(a) Four seats for the African Group;

(b) Three seats for the Asian Group;

(c) Three seats for the Latin American and Caribbean Group;

(d) One seat for the Group of Western European and other States;

(e) One seat for the Eastern European Group;

(f) One seat to rotate between the Asian Group and the Latin American and Caribbean Group every four years;

"2. Also decides to fill the thirteen new seats resulting from the increase in the membership of the Commission at its organizational session for 1992."

3. The Chairman announced that his new text would replace document E/1991/C.2/L.21.

4. The Secretary informed the Committee that annex II of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-fourth session (E/1991/24) contained the programme budget implications of draft resolution III. Since there was an increase of three seats in the Chairman's proposal above the number proposed in draft resolution III, the programme budget implications would amount to $35,100.

5. The Committee adopted the Chairman's proposal.

6. The Committee adopted draft resolution III, as amended, taking into account the programme budget implications contained in annex II to the report of the Commission (E/1991/24) and the statement made by the Secretary of the Committee (see para. 8).

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-fourth session

7. Also at its 22nd meeting, the Committee took note of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-fourth session (E/1991/24) (see para. 9).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND (SOCIAL) COMMITTEE

8. The Second (Social) Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Enlargement of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1983/5 of 24 May 1983, which established at its current size the membership of the Commission,

Considering that in the Declaration of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, 1/ importance is attached to the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as the policy-making body of the United Nations on drug control matters,

Taking note of the responsibilities of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs under the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, 1988, 2/

Recognizing the concern expressed by the international community at the seriousness of the problem, as well as the increasing interest of all States in participating in and contributing to efforts to find adequate solutions,

1. Decides to increase the number of members of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to fifty-three, the thirteen new seats being distributed among the regional groups as follows:

(a) Four seats for the African Group;

(b) Three seats for the Asian Group;

(c) Three seats for the Latin American and Caribbean Group;

(d) One seat for the Group of Western European and other States;

(e) One seat for the Eastern European Group;

(f) One seat to rotate between the Asian Group and the Latin American and Caribbean Group every four years;

2. Also decides to fill the thirteen new seats resulting from the increase in the membership of the Commission at its organizational session of 1992.

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1/ See Report of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, Vienna, 17-26 June 1987 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.87.I.18), chap. I, sect. B.

2/ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.91.XI.6.

9. The Second (Social) Committee also recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

DRAFT DECISION II

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-fourth session (E/1991/24).